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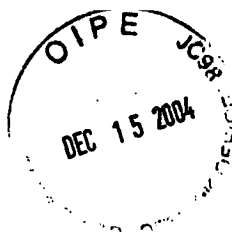
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of the listed document is also enclosed, together with the English Abstract.

The cited documents may be deemed relevant because it was cited during prosecution of a related copending U.S. application (10/266,640). Applicant believes the English Abstract adequately summarizes the disclosed subject matter.

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It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing of a first Official Action on the merits of the application. Accordingly, Applicants submit herewith the \$180.00 Information Disclosure Statement fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency in payment to Deposit Account No. 06-1205. A duplicate copy of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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